

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB
BULLETIN



October 2009



**Fall Colors
Kickapoo State Park
Danville, IL
New QTH of NF9T**



**Join us at
The SIZZLER
Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
October 28, 2009
Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 6:30 P.M**



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From the Prez.....

Wayne Zimmerman NN6R



WOW. All of a sudden, bands have come alive with DX. Short openings, but contacts with Europe, the Middle East and Glorioso have been occurring even on 15 meters. It's been a long time coming with even better band conditions to look forward to. It is still sporadic, but encouraging none the less. There are quite a few DXpeditions slated for this month so keep your ears open and perhaps pick up a "new one" or two.

I hope that since I announced it at the last meeting, those who have not been on the reflector have now taken steps to do so. That is our best source for announcements pertinent to our club members, so I hope everyone gets onboard.

For those of you who were not at the last meeting and haven't had a chance to check the club website, I want to announce that Bob Farkaly K9RHY has stepped forward to take on the job as Editor for our club bulletin. Tuck NF9T who has done a masterful job as Editor for quite some time, is leaving us to be a man of leisure and retire to his home town in Illinois. Tuck will be sorely missed but we wish him well in his retirement. Tuck's last bulletin is this one for October. The November bulletin will be Bob's first.

Our job, our only job at Visalia in April, is to man the Registration desk. At the last meeting, I passed out a sign up sheet for shifts. I thank those of you who signed up for a shift but we still have slots to fill. Gayle will be sending the sheet around again at the next meeting and I hope we can fill the rest of the slots. John K6AM and I are going to a meeting in Orange County this weekend to help hammer out more details for the convention. We'll keep you posted.

Leon is set to handle dues for next year so bring your checks or cash and get it out of the way. Remember, we can only pay one year at a time now because a constant cash flow is needed.

It appears that several of our members participated in the recent CQP. Perhaps they can share their results at the meeting. Some had some pretty good numbers.

Well, enough for this month. See you on the bands. DX IS.

73 Wayne NN6R

San Diego DX Club Policy

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DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!

Secretary's Minutes

Leon Helms N6VS



Register Balance as of September 1, 2009 4222.74

Income:

Contributions to legal fund	10.00
Cash for W6GAK badge	10.00
Member Dues	160.00

Expenses:

Bash expenses	866.15
Badge and Mugs	45.00
Power Strips for meeting	14.13
Register balance September 31	3360.79
Petty Cash on hand	20.00
Balance checking & Petty Cash	3380.79

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. President Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Twenty Eight members and guests were present. Mel, K6SY and his xyl Doris, K6KSY were introduced as visitors for the evening.

Sam, W6GAK presented an application for membership and was accepted into the club.

Jim, W6YI, presented the plaques for the CW SS to Dennis N6KI and John, K7AM, which they earned by propelling W6YI to a new division high score.

Loren, AD6ZJ has volunteered to take over the LoTW duties for the club.

The new Constitution and By-Laws were approved.

Larry N6NC offered a suggestion that we amend the purpose of the club in the articles of incorporation to match the wording in our new constitution.

SDDXC is responsible for the registration desk for the 2010 Visalia convention.

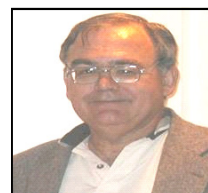
The format for the possible holiday party was discussed. (Secretary's note, SDDXC has now been invited to participate in the SCDXC holiday party. Details are at <http://www.scdxc.org/holiday.html>)

The DX roundup was as interesting as ever, with announcement of upcoming DX trips and complaints about propagation to FT5GA.

The evening's program was John, K6AM's presentation antenna modeling with EZNEC. It is amazing how well the program can predict the actual characteristics of the actual antenna. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42

THE SDDXC TOP 10 (EXPANDED VERSION)

By John, K6AM



CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON PHONE

10/09	10/08	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	3.	K6AM	338	344	344	+1
2.	1.	W6YI	337	353	353	-
3.	2.	W6CN	337	349	349	-
4.	5.	W6EUF	335	369	371	-
5.	6.	W6YOO	335	341	342	-
6.	7.	N6AW	334	353	353	-
7.	-.	K9RHY	333	341	341	NEW
8.	10.	W6YA	333	?	?	-
9.	11.	K6QS	332	335	338	-
10.	12.	N6CW	330	346	347	-
11.	9	NN6K	326	332	332	-
12.	13.	W6ZZ	324	350	351	-
13.	14.	K6ZH	324	330	330	+1
14.	16.	N6ND	320	334	352	-
15.	15.	WA6MHZ	319	326	329	-
16.	18.	N6XT	299	299	313	-
17.	19.	WN6K	293	299	318	-
18.	20.	NG6Z	292	292	295	-
19.	-.	N6VS	279	281	284	NEW
20.	-.	K0XB	260	264	304	NEW

We're lookin' at the top 20 in this category to accommodate the larger number of entries. This report does not appear to include the QSL's for St. Bartelemy yet, so they should move everyone up next year. Send me your updates when those cards come in so you won't get left in the dust. There's still plenty of room for a shakeup in the second ten, so you guys get out there and have some fun.

These scores were based on your direct reports and the club ladder, whichever was most current.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, CW, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 329th current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2005. Send your totals to k6am at arrl dot net.

FCC Issues *Public Notice* on Amateur Service Communication During Government Disaster Drills



On Tuesday October 20, 2009 the FCC released a *Public Notice* clarifying the Commission's rules relating to the use of Amateur Radio by licensed amateurs participating in drills and exercises on behalf of their employers. Entitled *Amateur Service Communications During Government Disaster Drills*, the *Public Notice* addresses participation by paid employees of organizations taking part in drills.

The Public Notice -- [DA 09-2259](#) -- affirms that the Commission's rules "specifically prohibit amateur stations from transmitting communications 'in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer.'"

ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, offered "This *Public Notice* is intended to clarify a difficult issue. A wide range of unofficial -- and frankly some incorrect -- interpretations have been offered on this topic in various public forums recently. DA-09-2259 is the official FCC notice on this issue. Though issued jointly by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ([WTB](#)), the Enforcement Bureau ([EB](#)) and the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau ([PSHSB](#)) under delegated authority from the Commission, the *Notice* makes it clear that WTB is the Bureau at the FCC with jurisdiction over the Amateur Radio Service rules and their interpretation."

The *Public Notice* states that, in order to facilitate participation by employees who wish to engage in government-sponsored drills and emergency exercises on behalf of their employers, a waiver can be requested from the WTB by the government agency sponsoring the drill or exercise (and not by the individual who wishes to participate in the drill or exercise). Such a request must follow established procedures for requesting a temporary waiver of the Commission's rules. The government entity conducting the drill must include in its waiver application the following information:

- When and where the drill will take place,
- Identification of the amateur licensees expected to transmit amateur communications on behalf of their employer,
- Identification of the employer(s) on whose behalf the amateur(s) will be transmitting, and
- A brief description of the drill.

"It should be noted," Henderson said, "that the waiver request must be filed and acted upon *in advance* of the drill. The waiver must be actually granted by the Commission *before* the amateurs participate in the drill. It is not enough to apply -- the waiver must be granted first."

The public notice also emphasizes that in an *actual emergency*, the Part 97 rules "provide that an amateur station may use any means of radiocommunication at its disposal to provide essential communication needs in connection with the immediate safety of human life and the immediate protection of property when normal communications systems are not available." In those specific circumstances, rule waiver is not necessary.

Government entities requesting a waiver for their emergency/disaster drill should submit a written request addressing the factors listed above to Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 445 12th St SW, Washington, DC 20554, Attn: Scot Stone.

A waiver is needed only for those licensees transmitting messages on behalf of their employer during the State and local government public safety agency's "occasionally conducted emergency preparedness or disaster drills test or drill." This may, after analysis, turn out to be very few licenses or, by rearranging functions of participants, a waiver may not be needed. The Commission has also emphasized that *only governmental agencies* may apply for a waiver.

In September, the ARRL released [guidelines](#) that address numerous aspects of the issue of business communications in the Amateur Service.

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